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SBA Portland District Office Announces the 2008 Small Business Week Award Winners for Oregon

Portland, Ore. – Small Business Administration Oregon District Director, Harry DeWolf, announces that **Susan Webb, President of Glass Alchemy, Ltd., is the SBA 2008 Oregon Small Business Person of the Year.** Awards will also be given to a family-owned business, to small business Champions, and an excellence and innovation award will be given to a small business development center. The Awards will be presented at the Oregon SBA's Small Business Week Awards Gala May 22, 2008, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Portland, Oregon.

"For more than 40 years, SBA has recognized outstanding small business owners for their contributions to Oregon's economy and for their personal achievements during small business week. I am proud to honor our top Oregon entrepreneurs and our true champions of small business whose tireless efforts have provided tangible and significant support to small businesses and their communities," said SBA District Director, Harry DeWolf.

Besides recognizing the outstanding success of **Susan Webb and Glass Alchemy, Ltd.**, the following business owners and champions are also honored by the SBA:

Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Small Business of the Year
Rick and Debbie Teeny, President and Vice President
Teeny Foods Corporation

Small Business Development Center Service Excellence and Innovation Center Award
Tom Lowles, Director
Portland Community College SBDC

Minority Small Business Champion of the Year, NW Region & State of Oregon
Jonath Colon, Business Development Coordinator
Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

Women in Business Champion of the Year
Kedma Ough, Executive Director
ONABEN, a Native American Business Network
Women's Business Center

Small Business Journalist of the Year
Jonathan Brinckman, reporter
The Oregonian

SBA Financial Services Champion of the Year, NW Region & State of Oregon
Patricia E. Balius, VP & Operations Manager
West Coast Bank

Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year, NW Region & State of Oregon
Tino Ornelas, CEO
Ornelas Enterprises, Inc.